

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q95329

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For: BLOOD FLOW PROMOTERS FOR CAUDA EQUINA TISSUES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

An Amendment and a petition and the required fee for a one (1) month extension of time to extend the time period for reply to the Office Action dated August 31, 2009 from September 30, 2009 to October 31, 2009 are submitted herewith.

Claims 1-15 are canceled and new claims 16-19 are added in the Second Preliminary Amendment being submitted herewith.

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated August 31, 2009.

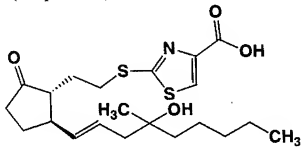
In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, drawn to prostaglandin-like compounds. New claims 16-19 read on the elected invention. This election is made without traverse.

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In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant elects the compound of Example 57 shown below for examination:

2-[(2-[(1R,2R)-2-[(1E)-4-hydroxy-4-methyl-1-nonenyl]-5-oxocyclopentyl]ethyl)sulfanyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylic acid (compound 57)



New claims 16-19 read on the elected species.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

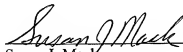
Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

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